

MINUTES OF GEOGRAPHIC AREA STAFF MEETING, 24 JANUARY 1955.

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PRESENT:

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1. [REDACTED] read to the group the Geographic Area production statistics for the calendar year 1954 from the St/PC Statistical Summary of ORR production. Comparisons were made of production in various categories of the Geographic Area and the Economic Area. It was agreed that the MR production of five issues in 12 months was too low, and [REDACTED] plans to increase the MR effort as much as possible.

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2. [REDACTED] commented on the recent memorandum sent by [REDACTED] to ATIC, accompanying a prepublication copy of report ER-11. [REDACTED] commented that such correspondence requires the signature of either Division Chief, Area Chief, or the AD/RR.

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3. [REDACTED] read aloud a draft of a staff study on the Urban Area Research Program. DD/P, during the last year, has presented requirements for detailed maps and text studies of a large number of urban centers within the Soviet Orb. Possibilities of contracting with the Air Force or Army for the production of studies has been explored during the past year. Current DD/P requirements are for a total of 300 studies at a rate of 50 studies per year. The Air Force has estimated that it could produce 50 studies per year for \$485,000 per year, while the Army has estimated \$500,000 per year. The group discussed problems of meeting these DD/P requirements either through contract or by establishing an Urban Area facility within the Geographic Area. It was agreed that the studies could be produced more cheaply by the Geographic Area than under contract to the Air Force or Army. [REDACTED] presented an estimate of \$402,000 per year for a separate Division devoted to Urban Area Research with a T/O of 58 persons, including \$25,000 per year for cost of supplies and equipment. It was agreed that a CIA facility would be more adaptable to the needs of DD/P than a contract facility. It is anticipated that a production copy satisfactory to DD/P could only be developed over a long period and that this process of development would be made more difficult if an external contractor were involved. The desirability of proceeding at a medium pace during the shakedown period was agreed to by the group. It was decided that the best approach would be to first set up a small unit in Cartography and possibly a separate unit in Geography to concentrate on Urban Area research. This would be followed by recruiting and processing of new personnel to the gradually increased production of Urban Area studies as organizational needs and final criteria for the studies were developed.

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4. [REDACTED] reported that the Map Library has had too many surveys this past week with [REDACTED] felt that such outside surveys should be deterred when possible.

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25X1A9a 12. [REDACTED] advised that the Inter-Agency Group on Ground Intelligence Photography will have another meeting this Thursday, January 27, in "M" Building.